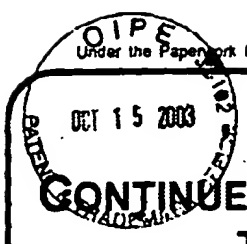


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/810,595 ✓
Filing Date	March 15, 2001 ✓
First Named Inventor	Belford T. Coursey
Group Art Unit	2813
Examiner Name	Yennhu B. Huynh
Attorney Docket Number	MI22-1660

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
 - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed (Response to 07/15/03 Notice of Allowance)
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply Preliminary Amendment to Accompany RCE Filing
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) dated 06/06/02 w/PTO-1449 and cited Fuji et al. reference
 - iv. ☒ Other Return receipt postcard; Initialled PTO-1449 dated 11/07/02 by Examiner; PTO-stamped postcard from 06/11/02 Supp. IDS filing

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 23-0925 (Deficiencies Only)
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 10/20/2003 WABDELRI 00000138 09810595
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 770.00 OP
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 770.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Mark S. Matkin	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	32,268
Signature		Date	10-15-03

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